

I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to protect migratory birds from being killed from communications towers. Many songbirds migrate at night and are killed after colliding with the towers, especially during fog, rain and low-cloud ceilings.

Please take the following actions:

- begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues;
- institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality;
- undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts;
- require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews;
- implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

These birds bring us so much joy and face a tough enough battle migrating all those miles. It's seems the least we can do is make their journey a little easier.